

STATEMENT OF THE HON'BLE MINISTER FOR TOURIM, CULTURE, ARCHEOLOGY AND MUSEUMS, ARCHIVES, YOUTH SERVICES, SPORTS AND N.C.C IN REPLY TO THE NOTICE UNDER RULE 70 AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN A.P. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NOTICE NO.195 GIVEN NOTICE BY SRI DADI VEERABHADRA RAO, SRI JALLI WILSON, SRI CHERUPALLY SEETHA RAMULU, SRI NARASADU LAXMAN RAO, SRI M.V.S. SARMA, SRI B.MOHAN REDDY AND SRI SIVARAMI REDDY MLCs REGARDING THE NEED TO ESTABLISH GURAJADA SAMSKRITIKA KENDRAM IN VIZIANAGARAM.

SUBJECT :

150TH GURAJADA APPA RAO JAYANTHI CELEBRATIONS - ESTABLISH GURAJADA SAMSKRITHIKA KENDRAM IN VIZIANAGAR.

ANSWER/STATEMENT

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT, TOURISM & CULTURE (CA) DEPARTMENT

The Statement of Sri Vatti Vasant Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism & Culture, Archaeology & Museums, Archives & Youth Services & Sports, NCC in response to the calling attention notice No.195 in A.P.L.C. given by Sri Dadi Veerabhadra Rao and Other M.L.C.s regarding establishing of Gurajada Kalakshetram in Vizianagaram

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The Government have constituted a Committee with Sri Vatti Vasant Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism and Culture and Sri Botcha Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Sri Raghuvveera Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Revenue along with the Officials concerned to organize the 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Sri Gurajada Appa Rao. The Committee met on 27th July, 2012 at 12.00 Noon and took various decisions to organize 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahakavi Sri Gurajada in a befitting manner. The following activities are scheduled for the celebrations:

1. Reprinting of complete works of Gurajada in the name of "Gurajada Sahiti Sarwaswam" through Telugu Academy, Hyderabad and decided to supply on subsidy rates to the public.
2. Group singing of "Deshamunu Preminchumanna", the patriotic song written by Sri Gurajada in all Educational Institutions on 21st September, 2012 at 11.00 AM in coordination with the Education Department.
3. Organizing seminars in all prominent universities of Andhra Pradesh on the life and works of Gurajada through Sri Potti Sree Ramulu Telugu University, Hyderabad.
4. Presenting "Gurajada Pratibha Awards" to 5 persons who have done great work in the fields of Story, Poetry, Criticism, Theatre and Language with a cash award of Rs.1.00 Lakh and citation.
5. Besides this 25 special awards to the various prominent literary and cultural personalities with a cash award of Rs.25,000/- thousand and citation.
6. Government have decided to construct two auditoria's in Vizianagaram and Hyderabad at an estimated cost of Rs.2.00 Crores each.
7. Several Cultural programmes have been planned involving top grade artists of Andhra Pradesh.

8. Converting Gurajada House as cultural monument. The Department of Tourism have released an amount of Rs.15.00 Lakhs initially for this purpose.

In this context, it is submitted that the Government will examine the proposal of establishing a “National Gurajada Cultural Centre on the lines of Bharat Bhawan, Bhopal at Vizianagaram as suggested by the Hon’ble Members.

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